Brennan Middle School

Brennan Organization of Parents

October 11, 2016

Officers in attendance: Laurie Brasil, Mary Morris, Deb Lacourse

Attending: Fred Souza, Kelly Chouinard, Jenn Parker, Barbara Sierota, Stephen Sarcione, Laurie Sarcione, Melissa Fogg, Joan Laurila, Diane Harrington

Meeting called to order 6:132 p.m.

Vice Principal’s Report:

* As Dr. Souza was detained in another meeting, Ms. Chouinard gave those in attendance a tour of the workout room located at the back of the gym.
* The company from which the bulldog images may be able to include an image of “Do the right thing” at the same price as just the bulldog. They may also consider a discount if we order all images at one time.

Principal’s Report:

* Dr. Souza welcomed all to the BOP meeting. Dr. Souza had all introduce themselves to the group.
* Mr. Feinstein just presented a $5,000.00 check to BMS, in a very humble manner. The Feinstein foundation will monetarily match a can good drive, for every can collected by BMC, they will match with $1.00 up to $1,000.00
* A newsletter was discussed. The information should be important and not just a newsletter for the sake of having a newsletter. Could this be part of the school’s website, a link to the BOP’s page? Can Remind 101 be used to blast information to families? Can Aspen be utilized to communicate general information to families? The goal is to have some sort of newsletter by the last week in October to Dr. Souza.
* The technology team proposed a “snack cart” to sell items on Wednesday mornings for grades 7 & 8, during Brennan Time for grades 5 & 6 and possibly after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The students would run the cart and have a hands-on learning experience on running a business. $200.00 was motioned and approved to get the cart operational.
* The cost to cover the school planners is $1,331.00. Money has been collected, however to ensure all students, regardless of financial situations have a planner, the BOP motioned and accepted covering any remaining balance.
* 10/12 progress notes on ASPEN
* 10/14 PARCC reports
* 10/15 Saturday school begins. 8-11:30 am, this runs once a month. The teams recommend which students should attend. It is helpful to help students get back on track.
* 10/27-10/28 Grade 5 Rock Detective, thanks to a grant from the Boston Museum of Science.
* 10/28 Grade 6 Tower Challenge- this works on team building

President’s Report:

The floor was turned over to Laurie Brasil.

* The Secretary’s minutes from June 7 and September 13 were reviewed. A motion to accept was seconded.
* No Treasurer’s report- will be forthcoming
* The BOB has a new email address: BOParents@gmail.com
* Laurie asked those in attendance to take a look at the BOP storage closet. A motion to purchase wire storage units, including one on wheels to make selling spirit wear easier, was motioned and accepted. Laurie is authorized to spend up to $200.00 on the project.
* Motion to promote Laurie from Vice President to President of the BOP was accepted. Vote to be held during the November meeting.
* Laurie requested a binder with notes and log of volunteers be developed to be maintained in the front office. Joan volunteered (thank you!)
* Laurie had a copy of By-Laws that needed to be updated to reflect the BOP. Mary will retype and prepare for the November meeting.
* Kara is chairing the Turkey Raffle, which is scheduled for November 18. The event will be posted on the BOP’s Facebook page. It was suggested tickets be sold online in advance- this will be looked into. Suggestions for items to be raffled were discussed. This includes a preferred parking pass for heavily attended events, BMS spirit wear and tickets to the AHS Thanksgiving Day football game for a family, including concessions.
* New “No Hassle” fundraiser was discussed (maybe “feed the dog!”). This proposed fundraiser option would run through April, if there is 100% classroom participation, the classrooms would earn a pig to race. (this was suggested as the Meadows Farms fundraiser was not well received) To be most effective, it was suggested a statement such as “the BOP only needs $X per family to reach its fundraiser goals for the year”- this makes it much more doable for families, and eliminates their need to purchase anything to support the school. There may be different tokens of appreciation based on donation amounts. For example $50.00 would get a car magnet, a tee shirt and a water bottle.
* The Student/Faculty Basketball game will be held in March. Need to check with AHS for available dates.

Open Discussion:

* It was suggested spirit wear be sold during recreational basketball games. This will be looked into.
* A pasta night with trivia was suggested- the requirements will be investigated

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Morris